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PREFACE

During the Second World War the German Signal Intelligence Control Center of the Staff of the Chief of Army Signal Service (HNW, LNA) issued a series of reports to show the USSR military-economic situation as reflected in Russian internal plain language traffic. These reports appeared at short, irregular intervals, usually six per month, for the period October 1942-March 1945. Eighty-four of these reports have been translated and issued by [REDACTED] FOIA b3

It is planned to issue a complete set of translations of the reports, beginning with the most recent and working backward, but omitting those already translated by [REDACTED] FOIA b3. The numbering of the items was added by the translator [REDACTED] FOIA b3. [REDACTED] FOIA b3 did this only in the last eighteen reports, [REDACTED] inclusive. Since the original material was in Russian, an effort has been made when translating the German to determine the original Russian term wherever possible. This is facilitated by the Russian fondness for abbreviations. In these translations into English the probable meaning of the abbreviation will be given in parenthesis the first time it occurs in each report.

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21 September 1943

The Soviet Union

Military-Economic Report 7/9

(Based on domestic radio traffic)

Individual Messages1) Personnel Situation

(1) On the basis of a decree of the State Defense Committee 5,000 persons in both Rostov Oblast' and Voroshilovgrad are being drafted to carry out railroad repair work in the regions of the Southern and Southwestern front.

(2) As of September 1400 persons in Kharkov Oblast' were drafted for work. This transport will set out from Kupyansk.

(3) 150 youths in Rostov Oblast' are to be drafted for the Metallurgical Plant in Novotagilsk by 20 September. Several workers at NKRF Plants in Blagoveshchensk and Semipalatinsk have not fulfilled their work norm in August. An investigation is to be carried out and instructions are to be given that non-fulfillment of the work norm is inadmissible with so great a lack of manpower.

(4) All the workers of the Oil Combine in Groznyj who were sent to Astrakhan for timber shipping work must remain there until a total quantity of 15,000 cubic meters of timber has been despatched.

(5) According to a decree of the Council of the People's Commissars of the USSR of 28 April, new students are to be enrolled in NKRF technical schools by 1 October.

(6) The number of trade students at the enterprises of the NK for the River Fleet:

<u>Enterprise</u>	<u>Planned Figure</u>	<u>Actual Number</u>
Molotov NKRF	600	450
Ufa NKRF	250	100
Irkutsk NKRF	90	49
Novosibirsk NKRF	350	214

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(7) The Metallurgical Plant in Krasnyj Sulin received a total of 89 technical students from the technical schools in Tambov, Tula and Gorkij.

(8) A contingent of 12,480 students has been decided upon at the technical schools in Rostov Oblast' for the fourth quarter. These students are divided as follows:

5,680 students of the previous class
4,000 technical students to be enrolled in September
800 students to special trade schools
<u>2,000 students of the Taganrog School in Rostov</u>
Total 12,480

(9) At the technical school in Ashkhabad 98 electrical assembly workers completed their training.

(10) In September the following offices have the following personnel and salaries:

<u>Gorkij, NKRF Plant "Teplokhod"</u>	<u>No. of Workers</u>	<u>Rubles</u>
Engineer-technical personnel	135	22,500
Employees	50	22,500
Drafted personnel	30	5,100
Apprentices	8	13,400
Transport workers	54	20,200
Administrative personnel	25	4,300
Personnel for timber procurement	11	4,000
Peat workers	200	83,000

<u>Svenigovo, NKRF Plant "Butyakov"</u>		
Engineer-technical personnel	39	75,600
Employees	50	19,500
Drafted personnel	30	3,900
Apprentices	50	8,400
Transport workers	45	12,600
Administrative personnel	23	5,500
Personnel for timber procurement	35	8,400

<u>Gorodets, NKRF Plant</u>		
Engineer-technical personnel	30	26,400
Employees	24	10,000
Drafted personnel	17	2,900
Apprentices	60	10,000
Transport workers	25	10,000
Administrative personnel	10	2,200
Peat workers	125	52,200

NKRF Trade School #9 in Omsk is being reorganized.

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2) Food Situation

(11) On 15 September 1943 the following order of the Peoples' Commissariat for Agriculture of the Soviet Union concerning the delivery of pigs, sheep, and goats to liberated areas was announced on the radio:

1. As of 1 November 1943, 55,000 pigs, 165,000 sheep and 17,000 goats are to be delivered as follows so that pig, sheep, and goat breeding may be resumed in the kolkhozes of liberated areas:

	<u>Pigs</u>	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Goats</u>
to Kalinin Oblast'	10,000	20,000	1,000
Smolensk	15,000	30,000	2,000
Orel	9,000	20,000	2,000
Kursk	5,000	25,000	2,500
Voronezh	10,000	25,000	2,500
Stalingrad	---	15,000	2,000
Ukrainian Republic	<u>6,000</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Total	55,000	165,000	17,000

2. The NK for Agriculture of the Soviet Union and the NK for Procurement as well as the Executive Committees of the respective oblasti and the Peoples' Commissariats of the republics concerned have to purchase in September and October sheep, pigs, and goats which are not less than four months old. (For terms see Military-Economic Report 2/9). The purchase is to be carried out in the following oblasti:

	<u>Pigs</u>	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Goats</u>
Yaroslavl oblast'	5,000	15,000	---
Ivanovo	2,000	10,000	---
Tambov	2,000	---	---
Saratov	14,000	10,000	---
Kujbyshev	5,000	20,000	---
Ulyanovsk	3,000	9,000	---
Chkalov	2,000	10,000	---
Kirov	3,000	7,000	---
Molotov	3,000	3,000	---
Sverdlovsk	3,000	---	---
Bakshir Autonomous Republic	3,000	10,000	---
Chuvash " "	3,000	3,000	---
Mordvinian " "	2,000	3,000	---
Kazakhstan " "	5,000	50,000	9,000
Azerbajdzhan Union Republic	---	5,000	3,000
Georgian " "	---	5,000	3,000
Armenian " "	<u>---</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
Total	55,000	165,000	17,000

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3. In order to avoid distant shipments and to hasten as much as possible the delivery of cattle to liberated areas, the NK for the Meat and Dairy Industry as well as the NK for Sovkhozes have been instructed to dispose of 25,000 pigs and 115,000 sheep out of their own establishments and stocks. This cattle is to be replaced later by purchased cattle.

4. The kolkhozes which receive cattle must compensate with agricultural products, especially with grain, vegetable oil, potatoes, vegetables and hay. These deliveries are to be carried out in the year 1943-44 and also in 1945 in case of particularly unfavorable conditions.

5. The purchase as well as shipment of cattle is to be made by the NK for the Meat and Dairy Industry of the Soviet Union. The NK for Agriculture of the Soviet Union has to procure for that purpose the necessary number of guides and drivers as well as technical and veterinary personnel. The cattle shipments are being carried out according to worked-out and established plans.

6. The Executive Committees of Kalinin, Smolensk, Orel, Kursk, Voronezh and Stalingrad oblasti as well as the Council of Peoples' Commissars of the Ukrainian Republic must carry out the following instructions:

- a) To confirm the cattle distribution plan by 29 September and to inform the NK for the Meat and Dairy Industry of the receiving stations and the number of cattle being brought in;
- b) To dispatch by 20 September a responsible deputy as well as specialized agricultural personnel to select cattle and to take charge of shipments;
- c) To procure stables for the winter housing of cattle and to procure the necessary personnel and fodder.

7. The NK for Procurement of the Soviet Union must place at the disposal of the NK for the Meat and Dairy Industry and the NK for Sovkhozes 3,200 tons of cattle food and 2,500 tons of hay for cattle shipments.

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8. The NK for Finance must place at the disposal of the NK for Sovkhozes and the NK for Agriculture the necessary funds for the purchase of cattle and other expenses.

9. For the rate of the work day for escort personnel and for maintenance see Military-Economic Report 2/9.

10. The entire project for the purchase, shipment, and cattle procurement is being assigned to the NK for the Meat and Dairy Industry, the NK for Agriculture, the NK for Sovkhozes and to the Council of Peoples' Commissars in the individual Union Republics.

(12) On 15 September the Kujbyshev NKRF was notified that 65,000 head of cattle are to arrive at Akhmat (not located) within the next few days. Kujbyshev is to organize the fording of the cattle, carrying it out in the shortest time possible.

(13) According to a message of 11 September 11 sovkhozes with cattle and personnel set out on foot from Kazakhstan for areas liberated from the occupation. The route is to pass through Uralsk, Novouzensk and Dybovka. They hope to reach the Volga by 1 October.

(14) An inquiry was made in a private telegram from Aleksandrovka as to whether bread could be bought in Kursk Oblast', Chermizinoovo Rajon. Only under this supposition would a journey be undertaken to that place.

(15) In Kamensk 1 kg. of butter costs 400 to 500 rubles, 1 kg. of flour 110 to 120 rubles, 1 kg. of potatoes 50 rubles.

(16) The following are stored in the grain silo in Proletarskaya ready for shipment:

429	tons	of	winter	wheat
420	"	"	summer	wheat
1300	"	"	barley	
78	"	"	oats	
675	"	"	millet	
21	"	"	sunflower seeds	
23	"	"	unroasted seeds	
30	"	"	flaxseeds	

Since the grain is lying outside and since a sufficient number of cars is not being supplied, the grain stores are in danger of spoiling.

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(17) Rostov/Don, Sovkhoz Directorate, can obtain only 155 tons of the necessary 2000 tons of sowing grain thru Grain Procurement and 1100 tons from the State standing stock. Seed grain from the new harvest is not available.

(18) In Rostov the arrival of winter seed grain is being delayed. Grain Procurement in Rostov allotted only 2000 tons of the 3000 tons of seed grain scheduled for delivery. In addition, there is no seed grain in the grain silos.

(19) Rostov. In August Oblast' Food Supply had a balance of 223 tons of barley and 15 tons of flour, received 551 tons of barley and 10 tons of flour, and consumed 196 tons of barley and 7 tons of flour. A balance of 134 tons of barley and 18 tons of grain remained for September.

(20) In August "Rostov Coal" in Shakhty received only 30 tons of the 94 tons allotted for supplying its coal workers. "Rostov Coal" needs 90 tons of barley for September.

(21) Rostov, Oblast' Trade Department, has pickled 182 tons of cucumbers and 246 tons of tomatoes as of 10 September.

(22) In October a factory for coffee and tea products in Rostov will begin the production of coffee-containing beverages. An allotment of 5 tons of natural coffee will be necessary for this.

(23) In Krasnodar the following are to be procured for canning as of 10 September:

	<u>for Krasnodar Krai</u>	<u>for Rostov Oblast'</u>
tomatoes	674 tons	179 tons
cucumbers	310 "	122 "
cabbage	56 "	15 "
onions	38 "	14 "
carrots	15 "	32 "
red beets	16 "	3 "
others	78 "	164 "
pip fruit	305 "	29 "
stone fruit	93 "	1 "
Total	1,935 tons	529 tons

Requirements

(24) Krasnodar needs 24 tons of feed grain in September for 245 horses.

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<u>Authorizations</u>				
<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(25) 1 ton	Rye	Rostov/Don, Refrig- eration Plant	Rostov/Don Grain Procure- ment	--
(26) 2 tons	"	Rostov/Don, Meat Combine	"	--
(27) 2 tons	"	Rostov/Don Meat Trust	"	--
(28) 2 tons	"	Rostov/Don City Dairy	"	--
(29) 5 tons	Feed grain	Semikarakerskaya, Sovkhoz of the C.D. of Canning	Krasnodar Trust "Sovkhoz"	for September
(30) 3 tons	Grain waste	Rostov/Don, Animal Raw Materials Procurement	Rostov/Don Grain Pro- curement	for September
(31) 70 tons	Groats	Shakhty, "Voroshilovgrad Coal"	--	Delivery by 10 September
(32) 500 tons	Flour	Rostov/Don Oblast' Trade Department	--	For September for the area liberated there
(33) 5 tons	Bakery goods	Shakhty, "Voroshilov- grad Coal"	--	Delivery by 10 September
(34) 10 tons	Macaroni	Krasnodar, Oblast' Trade Department	Krasnodar C.D. of Bread	For September
(35) 15 tons	"	"	Krasnodar Macaroni Factory	"
(36) 15 tons	"	"	Krasnodar Kraj Food Industry	"
(37) 18 tons	potatoes	Krasnodar, Food Supply of the No. Caucasus Front	Rybinsk	--
(38) 3 cars	canned vegetables	Shakhty, "Voroshilovgrad Coal"	--	Delivery by 10 September
(39) 2 cars	grapes	Stalingrad, Fruit Trade Trust	Krasnodar, Fruit Trade Trust	--

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(40)	48 tons	vegetable fat	Shakhty "Voroshilovgrad Coal"	--	Delivery by 10 September
(41)	28 tons	fat	"	--	"
(42)	200 tons	butter grease	Moscow, C.D. of Oils & Fats	Rostov	Delivery by 10 September
(43)	10 tons	salad oil	Shakhty, "Voro- shilovgrad Coal"	Millerovo	"
(44)	2 cars	eggs	Moscow, C.D. of Poultry Farms	Armavir	for October
(45)	200 tons	livestock	Krasnodar, Meat Combine	Krasnodar, NK for Meat & Dairy Industry	for September
(46)	48 tons	meat	Shakhty, "Voro- shilovgrad Coal"	--	delivery by 10 September
(47)	5 cars	canned meat	"	--	"
(48)	2 cars	fish	Novocherkask, Market	Astrakhan Fish Supply	for September
(49)	89 tons	"	Shakhty, "Voro- shilovgrad Coal"	--	Delivery by 10 September
(50)	150 tons	"	"	Stalingrad	"
(51)	110,000 liters	wine	"	--	"
(52)	250 liters	brandy	Pyatigorsk, C.D. for Alcohol	--	For September
(53)	1 car	tobacco goods	Shakhty, "Voro- shilovgrad Coal"	--	Delivery by 10 September
(54)	17 tons	sugar	"	--	"
(55)	155 tons	salt	"	--	"
(56)	34 tons	"	Krasnodar, Industrial Union	Rostov/Don Salt Sales	for the 3rd quarter
(57)	4 tons	"	Krasnodar, Cattle Trust	Rostov/Don Salt Supply	--
(58)	1 ton	"	"	Voroshilovgrad Donets-Pig Breeding Trust	--

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Deliveries				
(59)				
635 tons	rye	Rostov/Don, Oblast'	Ufa	as of 10 September
(60)				
9,885 tons	wheat	"	"	"
(61)				
9,468 tons	barley	"	"	"
(62)				
620 tons	oats	"	"	"
(63)				
527 tons	millet	"	"	"
(64)				
457 tons	sunflowers	"	"	"
(65)				
44 tons	linseed oil	Moscow, C.D. of Oils and Fats	Millerovo, Oil Factory	--
(66)				
400 head	cocks	Voroshilovgrad	Krasnodar, "Yajtso"	on 11 September
(67)				
200 cars	salt	Stavropol Oblast'	--	from 1-10 August

3) Coal Supply

(68) In Voroshilovgrad 182,400 tons of coal were to be dispatched in August, according to plan. Actually 164,557 tons were sent, which is about 90.2% of the plan.

(69) Donbas Coal Supply in Krasnodar has not supplied the enterprises of the NK for Armaments in sufficient quantity during the preceding month. In August there was an under-shipment of 1,100 tons. Consequently, production ceased in several plants of the NK for Armaments.

(70) The locomotive factory in Voroshilovgrad is threatened with a shut down due to the lack of coal. Donbas coal is to send 1,600 tons of coal.

(71) The motor vehicle factory in Gorkij received only 35% of the July-August allotments from Chief Directorate of Coal Supply in Shakhty.

(72) Shipments of the Chief Directorate of Coal Supply in Rostov were as follows as of 9 September:

anticipated allotment of 9,890 tons of coal according to plan,
including loaded -- 2,999 tons
not loaded -- 6,891 tons
including 5,166 tons because of non-availability of empty cars.

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(73) Kujbyshev received notification not to divert coal assigned for ship repair work or other purposes.

<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Requirements				
(74) Gorkij Motor Vehicle Factory	1,000 tons	coal	Shakhty, C.D. for Coal Supply	for September
(75) Rostov	2,850 tons	coal	--	for 4th quarter; in- cluding 2,150 tons for heating residues and 700 tons for technical needs
(76) Rostov Oblast', Agricultural Academy	2,000 tons	coal	--	--
(77) Kuvr'r "Metallist" Plant	300 tons	anthracite	Krasnodon, Donbas Coal Supply	for September
Authorizations				
(78) Astrakhan Plant 186	300 tons	coal	Shakhty, C.D. for Coal Supply	in September
(79) Balakovo, Ship Repair Yard 661	300 tons	coal	"	--
(80) Koleno (?) Sugar Plant	800 tons	coal	Rostov, C.D. for Coal Supply	in September
(81) Kirov Vya tka Steamship Agency	150 tons	coal	--	Transport to be carried out by Molotov NKRF in the 2nd 10-day period of Sept.
(82) Krasnodon, Azov- Black Sea Power	8,700 tons	coal	--	in September for operation of electric trains
(83) Molotov, Ship Repair Plants, "Zaozere", "Dzerzhinsk" and "Burlak"	600 tons	coal	--	Transport to be carried out by Molotov NKRF in the 2nd 10-day period of Sept.
(84) Moscow, NK for Foreign Affairs	240 tons	coal	Shakhty C.D. for Coal Supply	in September
(85) Moscow Academy of Sciences	1,000 tons	coal	"	in October/November

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(86) City of Moscow	83,550 tons	coal	Shakhty C.D. for Coal Supply	in September
(87) Shakhty, Azov- Black Sea-Power	1,250 tons	coal	"	"
(88) Taganrog	5,000 tons	coal	Rostov, C.D. for Coal Supply	"
(89) Chistopol, Ship Repair Plant	350 tons	coal	--	Transport to be carried out by Molotov NKRF in the 2nd 10-day period of Sept.
(90) Vorobevy Gorkij Economic Directorate	992 tons	coal	Shakhty C.D. for Coal Supply	in September
(91) Voroshilovgrad Locomotive Factory	1800 tons	coal	Donbas Coal	in the third quarter, in- cluding 200 tons to be re- ceived by 14 September.
(92) Various ship repair workshops	200 tons	coal	--	Transport to be carried out by Molotov NKRF in the 2nd 10- day period of September.
(93) Rostov(?) State Reserves	2500 tons	coal	Rostov C.D. for Coal Supply	in September
(94) Krasnodar, Iron Foundry	40 tons	anthracite	Kemerovo	in October
(95) Moscow Plant 118	1000 tons	anthracite	Krasnyj Don	--
(96) Krasnodar Iron Foundry	40 tons	coke	Kemerovo	in October